

Church of God Evangel

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

CHAPTER 1.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made. In him was life; and the life was the light which shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for a witness, to give witness of the Light, that all might believe through him. He was not that Light, but he came to witness of the true Light.

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THE CHOICE

By A. M. Quick

*Lot chose the lowland's fertile fields,
The easy road of sin,
He pitched his tent t'ward Sodom
'Till at last he dwelt within;*

*But Abraham the arid hills,
The higher pasture land,
The clearer air, the brighter sky,
And God's all-guiding hand.*

*Then judgment came, as judgment must,
In brimstone and in flame:
Lot's life went down in dark despair,
In utter loss and shame.*

*But Abraham was blessed, indeed:
The way of faith he trod;
All history proclaims the word,
"Behold the friend of God!"*

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5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper; and washing of the saints' feet.
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14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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What I Believe About Divine Healing

By W. E. JOHNSON, State Overseer of Tennessee

TODAY much is being said about divine healing. The question is being asked, "Does the Church of God still teach and believe in divine healing?"

For many years, because of our firm stand on holiness and our belief of "the whole Bible, rightly divided," the devil has made war upon God's people and upon the Church of God, but we have accepted the challenge. We have preached the Word with God honoring the ministry of His Holy-Ghost-filled men, and we have marched on from victory to victory until today the sun never goes down on the Church of God. We have churches second to none throughout the United States. In the foreign lands we have strong, established missions proclaiming the full gospel of Christ and its power to save. We have preached this gospel in the face of every persecution and opposition that the devil could bring against us. We have refused to be silenced by man or the devil.

Today, as we are nearing the return of our Lord to rapture His Church, it seems that the devil, like men of modern war, is developing new devices and, like Communism, has entered the ranks of the Church, trying to confuse the minds of God's people to bring about distrust and broken fellowship so that we might destroy one another.

If you will open your Minutes of the 1952 General Assembly of the Church of God to page 208, under "Church of God Teachings," you will find that Item No. 10 says that we believe in spiritual gifts according to 1 Corin-

thians 12:1, 7, 10, 28, 31; 14:1. Item No. 11 says, "With signs following believers," according to Mark 16:17-20; Romans 15:18, 19; Hebrews 2:4. Item No. 13 reads, "Divine healing provided for all in the atonement," Psalm 103:3; Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matthew 8:17; James 5:14-16; 1 Peter 2:4.

Why anyone would tell you that the Church of God does not teach the gifts of the Spirit and divine healing any more would have to be for some selfish reason. The Church of God is just as strong today as it has ever been on these cardinal doctrines.

I believe that Jesus Christ has the same power today that He had when He was here on earth when He met the deaf and dumb man, recorded in Mark 7:31-37. He placed His fingers in the deaf man's ears, touched his tongue, looked up into heaven and said, "Be open." Verse 35 says, "And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain." I want to emphasize the words "and he spake plain." The people were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He hath done all things well: He maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak." I believe this and the Church of God believes this, also.

I should like for you to read Luke 6:6-11, also. It tells how He entered into the synagogue on the Sabbath Day and taught the people. There was a man there with a withered hand. Jesus told him to rise up and stand forth in the midst, and he arose and stood forth; then Jesus said unto them, in verses 9, 10, "I will ask you one thing; Is it lawful on the Sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy it? And looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other."

I should like to cite further that during the earthly ministry of the Lord Jesus He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people, Matthew 4:23, "And they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them," Matthew 4:24b. Jesus healed every conceivable form of disease among the people, including the so-called incurable maladies. He healed all that were sick, Matthew 8:16. He healed their sick, Matthew 14:14. "For there went virtue out of him, and healed them all," Luke 6:19b.

Following His resurrection and ascension, the same mighty works were accomplished through the ministry of the apostles and believers. I believe this and the Church of God believes this, also.

Reading the Acts of the Apostles reveals that wherever the gospel was preached people were added to the church. The ministry of divine healing was advanced and the sick were delivered.

In the final commission given by the Lord Jesus and recorded in Mark 16:18c, are these words to believers, "They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." James gives to the Church instruction to follow in case of sickness. James 5:14-16, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have com-

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Sold and Redeemed

By H. T. STATUM, Overseer South Alabama

Lesson: Romans 5:17-19.

Text: Romans 5:19, *"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous."*

GOD IN HIS WISDOM created man holy, pure, and free from sin and gave him the power of choice. This man was created perfect in every respect, because he was the handiwork of God and all that God does is perfect. God gave Adam the power over the beasts of the fields, the fowls of the air, and the fish of the sea. God honored man with power over all the earth, Genesis 1:26. He also gave man the honor of being created in the image of God. Man was put in the garden with all of its beauty, and was given the right to all that was in the garden except one tree. When God saw that it was not good for man to be alone, He caused man to fall into a deep sleep and took out of man the woman. Here we have man and wife with all the beautiful garden at their disposal, and with all the birds, beasts, and fish of the sea under their dominion. God had given man all that anyone could want to be happy and content. God Himself would come down in the cool of the day and commune with man.

Surely, Adam and Eve should have been happy, but one sad day as God came to pay His regular visit, Adam and Eve were hiding from the presence of God. They were hiding because they had taken of the one fruit that God had forbidden them to eat. This act of disobedience sold man out to sin. What a tragic day in the history of man when he was driven out of the presence of God, run out of his beautiful home, forced to dig his living out of the ground, and an angel placed on guard to keep him from returning to the beautiful garden. Now we see the first man, a sinner, away from God and sold out to sin. All his offspring would be born in sin. All looked dark and gloomy for the human family as man turned his face from the presence of God to start his long journey of life without Him.

Listen! God spoke again (Genesis 3:15) and gave a ray of hope to the human family—a promise that Another would come from the seed of woman to bruise the head of the serpent. Oh, glory to God! A ray of hope that man could be redeemed from the curse of sin. Time went on and man looked for the One who would redeem him

from the fall. Generation after generation had come and gone and still sin was the master of man, and the devil ruled with a rod of iron. The law came and failed to free man from the curse of sin. The judges, major prophets, and minor prophets came but still man was not freed from the fall. A thousand years passed—man was still bound by sin. Two thousand years, three thousand years since God had given the promise to Adam in the garden, slowly dragged by—man was still a bound servant to sin and the devil. Four thousand years had almost passed Genesis 3:15.

WHEN the fullness of time was come, God sent His messenger to a lovely Jewish virgin and announced that He would use her to fulfill the promise to man. This lovely young Jewess did not understand how this could be, since she had never known man. God's messenger explained that the Holy Ghost would overshadow her, and she would conceive and bring forth a Son and that she should call His name Jesus, for He was the One to save His people from their sins. She humbly bowed to the will of God. Months passed and, glory to God, as the angels sang to the shepherds on the Judean hills, the Saviour of the world was born to the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea. Oh, what a wonderful night with the angels singing, the heavens ringing with the glory of God, and God giving the Gift of all gifts, His Son—His only begotten Son, "that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Oh, hallelujah!

There lying in a manger was a helpless Babe, but the Lion of the tribe of Judah; the Seed of woman, but the only begotten Son of God. The manger was holding the King of glory, the Saviour of the world. The whole human family should have joined the angels in singing praise to God for this great Gift and should have fallen down at the manger and worshiped Him as the shepherds did. The devil knew that the great battle was on. He remembered God's promise to Adam and Eve in the garden—the Seed of the woman will bruise the head of the serpent. He also knew that this was the Seed. The devil stirred the heart of King Herod with jealousy; he put murder in the king's heart. The young Baby Jesus was hunted like a wild animal with orders from the king to

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Are You for Sale?

By HOWARD D. STATUM, Pastor, Church of God, Oxford, Ohio



ISAIAH 50:1-3

Text: Isaiah 52:3, "*For thus saith the Lord, Ye have sold yourselves for naught; and ye shall be redeemed without money.*"

SINCE THE TIME OF ADAM and Eve in the garden, the devil has been a successful purchasing agent for hell. In the beginning God created Adam in His likeness, and later He took a rib from Adam's side and made a woman to be his wife. Friends, I should like for you to note what a fine home Adam and Eve had in the Garden of Eden. God walked and talked with them, and they had perfect fellowship. God gave them this home on one condition—they could have anything in the garden except the fruit of the tree in the midst of the garden. God told them that "In the day that you eat of this tree, you shall surely die." They ate of the tree and lost out with God.

FRIENDS, I should like to say, that any time you stop long enough to converse with the devil, if you are not very careful, the devil will trade you some enticing promises for your soul. He promised Adam and Eve in the garden that they would be wise like God. They sold out to the devil and lost out with God. (Read Mark 8:36-38.)

Calling your attention to the man who committed the first murder of which we have record in the Bible—Cain—we find that he killed his brother Abel because of jealousy. According to the Scriptures, jealousy is as cruel as the grave. Permit me, please, to say that men's influences have been ruined because of jealousy. I am afraid that some ministers are jealous of other ministers' work, which is a very dangerous thing. Jealousy has caused men to kill their wives; wives to kill their husbands; friends to turn their backs on one another. Jealousy has even caused trouble in many churches. It has broken fellowship among men who have enjoyed the blessings of God. This is a terrible thing to think about. I should like to ask you some questions: "What would you take for your soul? What would you take for your salvation? What would you take for the fellowship of your brethren and sisters in the Church?"

Esau sold his birthright to his brother for a mess of

pottage. Jacob fed Esau red pottage in order that he might get his birthright. Esau, after selling out to his appetite, despised his birthright and sought to kill Jacob. I wonder if anyone reading this article has sold his fellowship with God and the Church to satisfy his appetite? There are many things which appeal to our appetites that we should not have; God says we must not have. Whenever we yield to these things, we lose out with God.

We read of a great king in the Bible who was a man after God's own heart. Allowing the devil to talk with him one day, he was overcome with lust. He sold out to the devil and committed a sin with Uriah's wife. Then, in order to try to cover up this sin, he committed murder. God's prophet told him of his misconduct in the way of a parable. One man had a great number of sheep and another man had only one ewe lamb. The man who had the great number of sheep took his neighbor's ewe lamb, killed it, and fed it to his guest. David pronounced his own sentence when he said, "If there is a man in my kingdom like that, he shall surely be put to death." Then it was that God's prophet said to him, "Thou art the man." This demon is at large in our land today, and none of us is immune to him. He will overcome us if we stop to take time to talk with him. The Bible says, "Shun the very appearance of evil." We should be careful. Great men have fallen because of this terrible monster.

The strongest man that we have history of in the Bible was named Samson. He sold out to a sweetheart. He was told not to take a wife from among the Philistines, but there was a woman by the name of Delila to whom Samson had taken time to talk, and in due course of time, Samson was overcome by this woman. Even though he was the strongest man that we have read about in the Bible, he fell.

Belshazzar sold out, also. Belshazzar, disregarding God and His power, was having noisy merriment and a drunken party when he brought the golden and silver vessels out of the house of God and drank from them. The Lord sent the fingers of a man's hand to write on the wall by a candlestick this message: "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting."

Covetousness is another evil that causes men to sell out many times. A king through covetousness had Naboth (Continued on page 10)

Why I Believe,

Text: Matthew 8:17, "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses."

IN THE WORD of God we are told to be ready always to give a reason or answer for the hope that is within us. I do not think this necessarily refers to salvation of the soul only, but to every blessing we confess. I certainly want to confess to divine healing through the mighty power of God; therefore, I must tell you why I believe, teach, preach and practice divine healing.

IT IS A PLAIN TEACHING OF THE WORD OF GOD

ON EVERY SUBJECT of importance the Bible speaks to the Christian who wants to live for the world to come in the world that now is. Since all subjects are not of equal importance, it deals with them according to their place in the economy of God. Divine healing for the physical body occupies a very conspicuous place in the program of God; therefore, it must be of great importance. Now, let us turn our attention to what "thus saith the Lord."

Exodus 15:26, "And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee."

Here the children of God are told that if they will hear the voice of God and seek to please Him; if they will live according to His word and keep His commandments, He will not allow the diseases that have afflicted the Egyptians to come upon His people. He is the Lord that healeth thee!

Psalms 103:1-3, "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases."

David is carried away in the Spirit with the spirit of joy. He calls upon his soul to burst forth with praise to the Lord in remembrance of all His benefits. As he begins to list them according to their importance to himself, he first wants to bless the Lord because all of his iniquities are forgiven. Such joy of soul, peace of mind, and assurance of heart—all sins are forgiven! To think that they are cast into the sea of forgetfulness, never again to be remembered against him. No wonder he shouted; I did too. Then he felt the blood flowing through his veins, strength through his limbs, and the tingle of wholeness from head to feet. Before one shout of victory hardly had time to make an echo, he cried again, "Who healeth all thy diseases." He found the "double cure" for the "double curse"; his sins were gone, and so were his sicknesses. He had found salvation for his soul, peace for his mind, and healing for his body. Yes, my friend, healing is a plain teaching of the Word of God.

Now let us look into the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah, that classic of divine deliverance of soul and body. We see Christ as One who is despised and rejected; One who

knows pain and sickness; One who is stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. In the third verse the original Hebrew read like this: "He was despised and rejected of men; a man of pains, and acquainted with sickness: and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised; and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our sicknesses, and carried our diseases; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted." To me the picture is one of the Shepherd despised and rejected by straying sheep; of the Shepherd bearing in his own body

Teach, Preach,

the aches and pains, and the sickness and suffering of the whole flock. Ah, my friend, can you not see God emptying the hospitals, institutions, and homes of this land—gathering together all the cancers, bad hearts, weak lungs, deformed limbs, and all the sickness, disease, and affliction in the whole world of every generation, age, and world to come and placing them upon the Lord Jesus Christ? He bore the sins of the whole world, and He bore the sickness of the world.

He was not only made sin and separated from his Father until His broken heart cried, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" but the diseases of the human race fell upon Him. God laid upon Him the sicknesses and diseases of the whole world. I believe divine healing for the body is a plain teaching of the Word of God.

In the New Testament the story is the same. Christ died for our sins and suffered for our sicknesses. 1 Peter 2:24, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." Thank God, He is our Seeker, Saver, Sanctifier, Baptizer, Healer, Keeper, and Satisfier. **I BELIEVE, TEACH, PREACH, AND PRACTICE DIVINE HEALING BECAUSE IT IS A PLAIN TEACHING OF THE WORD OF GOD.**

BECAUSE IN EVERY AGE MEN HAVE BEEN HEALED

THERE ARE SOME people who would confine divine healing to the life and ministry of Jesus. Others would allow it to extend on through the life and ministry of the Apostles. But divine healing did not start with Christ and the apostles, neither did it stop with them. Men were healed before Christ was seen in Bethlehem's manger, and before the Apostles preached their first sermon or prayed their first prayer.

In the twelfth chapter of Numbers we are told that Miriam was smitten with leprosy. In verse thirteen Moses prayed the prayer of faith, "And Moses cried unto the Lord, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee." The God who healed in answer to prayer under the law will most certainly heal in answer to prayer under grace.



*By J. DAVID PITTS, Pastor,
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and Practice

Time nor space will not suffice to tell of all those who were delivered from their afflictions by the great and mighty power of God. The children of Israel were kept forty years; Job was delivered from his sickness and restored to a favored place of spiritual and physical health; Hezekiah, who turned his face to the wall in prayer, was healed and received an extension to his life as well. In the New Testament one is compassed about with such witnesses as the woman with the issue of blood; the leper who was cleansed; Bartimaeus, whose request for sight was granted; the lame man at the gate; and the many others who were healed in answer to faith and prayer.

In this present day I have seen blind eyes opened, deaf ears unstopped, the lame made to walk, and many, many other afflictions healed by the hand of the great Physician, the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE MERCY OF JESUS DEMANDS IT

THE LOVE of Jesus for sinful men is deeper than the deepest sea, and higher than the highest heaven; His mercy is just as great. His love reaches from the outposts of hell to the very throne of God; His mercy is just as great. His love will forgive and cover a multitude of sins; His mercy is just as great. Anywhere that

the love of Jesus will go, His mercy will go; anyone His love will reach, His mercy will touch. Men have long tried to confine the love of Christ to a denomination, a creed, class, or color, but you might as well try to stop the waters of Niagara with a toothpick as to try to limit the limitless Son of God.

Others have tried to confine the mercy of Jesus to say who shall be healed and who shall not be healed. The leper came to Jesus saying, "Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean." Mark 1:41, "And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean." There you have it, my friend. Jesus could do ought but heal the man; His mercy would allow nothing less. It is not that we are worthy or merit healing, but it is that the mercy of Jesus can do nothing less. His heart is touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and His love and mercy demand that He do something to help us. If you wait until you become worthy, you will never receive healing. However, if you will but throw your unworthy self upon the mercy of Jesus, you can rest your case for victory.

HOW YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR HEALING

FAITH COMETH by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. There must be a message of deliverance preached by the man of God. You will hear the Word of God preached in power and glory. The preaching of the good news of complete deliverance through Jesus Christ will give birth to hope in your heart. Hope will cause you to read the Bible and attend deliverance meetings and places where the full gospel is preached in its beauty and power. Then one day faith will take hold of your life and carry your need into the very presence of God. He will send forth His Word, or perhaps you will touch the hem of His garment; the elders may anoint you with oil and pray the prayer of faith; you might get into a prayer line where a man of God will lay hands upon you and speak words of faith; some believer might pray a prayer of faith for you; or you might decide to stand on the promise of God and believe God for your own healing. The important thing to you is that God can, will, and does heal you when faith in His Word goes into action. Believe God now, and the work is done. Mark 9:23, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." God bless you.

Divine Healing

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| Single—bath | \$ 3.75 to \$ 8.00 |
| Double—double bed—bath | 5.50 to 9.00 |
| Double—twin bed—bath | 6.50 to 14.00 |

Single—connecting shower bath 3.00 to 3.25

Double—double bed—connecting shower bath 5.00

Double—twin bed—connecting shower bath 6.00

Suite—single 15.50

Suite—double 25.00 to 26.00

Combination parlor and bed-room 10.00 to 14.00

Year-round air conditioning, all rooms

***GEORGE VINCENT, V. V. Dupratt, Manager—855 Union Avenue—70 rooms available.**

Single—bath \$ 3.50 to \$ 4.50

Double—bath 5.00 to 6.50

Single—hot and

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| cold water | 2.75 |
| Double—hot and cold water | 4.00 |
| Single—without bath | 2.25 |
| Double—without bath | 3.50 |
| Suite—single | 6.00 |
| Suite—double | 8.00 |

Air-conditioned

TOURIST COURTS AND MOTELS

***ALAMO PLAZA HOTEL COURTS, W. H. Farner, Owner; Robert Farner, Manager—2862 Summer Avenue—U. S. Highways 64, 70, and 79 (77 Units)**

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| Single | \$ 4.00 to \$ 6.00 |
| Double—double beds | 8.00 |
| Double—twin beds | 7.00 |

Kitchenette—1 double bed (weekly rate) 5.00 to 6.00

Kitchenette—2 bed-rooms (double bed in each) 10.00

Additional parties 1.00

Roll-away beds and baby beds

All rooms with bath

Completely air-conditioned

***BEL-AIR MOTEL, Bob and Lorraine Haynes, Owners—1850 South Bellevue Blvd.—U. S. Highway 51, South—(17 rooms—6 kitchenettes)**

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| Single—double bed | \$ 3.00 to \$ 6.00 |
| Double—double bed | 4.00 to 7.00 |
| Double—twin beds | 4.00 to 7.00 |

3 persons per unit 5.00 to 8.00

4 persons per unit 7.00 to 9.00

Air-conditioned

***CASEY'S MOTEL, W. L. Casey, Owner—1585 S. Bellevue—U. S. Highway 51, South—(Member of AAA)**

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| Single | \$ 6.00 |
| Double—double beds | 7.00 |
| Twin beds | 8.00 |
| Double—twin beds—2 people | 8.00 |
| 3 people | 9.00 |
| 4 people | 10.00 |

Completely air-conditioned

Television—coin operated

***INDICATES MEMBER OF MEMPHIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

***HOLIDAY INN HOTEL COURTS,**
4941 Summer Ave., East, Hwy 70
Walker Gray, Manager
2300 S. Bellevue, Highway 51, Mr.
and Mrs. Wally Hull, Managers
980 S. Third Street, Hwy 61, Jim
Vaughn, Manager; A. L. Parker,
Assistant

4040 Highway 51, North, Robert
Bright, Manager
(448 rooms)

Single—1 double bed
1 person \$ 5.00
2 persons 6.00
Double—2 double beds
2 persons 8.00
3 persons 9.00
4 persons 10.00

Suite—living room,
single room 15.00
Wedding couples—
1 night 8.00

All rooms with tub and shower
Phone in every room
Completely air-conditioned

***LEAHY'S MOTEL, Mr. and Mrs. A. T.
Leahy, Owners—3070 Summer Avenue
—U. S. Highways 64, 70, and 79 (Mem-
ber of AAA)**

2 people \$ 6.00 to \$ 8.00
3 to 4 people 8.00 to 12.00
All rooms with bath
Completely air-conditioned

***MEMPHIS MOTEL, R. F. Williams,
Manager—1950 S. Bellevue—U. S.
Highway 51, South.**

(7 acres—spacious recreation grounds)

Double bed—1 per-
son \$ 3.00 to \$ 4.00

Double bed—2 per-
sons 5.00 to 6.00

Twin beds—2 per-
sons 6.00 to 7.00

Two double beds—
4 persons 7.00

1 double and 1 single
—3 persons 6.00

2-room suite—3
double beds—6
persons 11.00

2-room suite—2
double and 1 single
bed for 5 per-
sons 9.00

2-room kitchenette
—all linens 2 per
sons 27.00 per week

2-room kitchenette
—all linens—4 per-
sons 30.00 per week

Cottage (living room,
kitchen, bedroom, dinette, tub
and shower, garage, and choice
of beds) 32.00 per week

Television sets and radios available
All accommodations are air-
conditioned except the cottages and
two small rooms

***REBEL MOTEL, Sam O'Dell, Owner;
Mrs. Fred Groves, Manager—3466
Lamar Avenue—U. S. Highway 78.**

Single beds \$ 4.00
Double beds 5.00
Double twin beds 6.00
Double—double
beds 8.00

Suite 12.00

2 adjoining rooms 10.00

Extra person 1.00

Air-conditioned rooms \$1.00 per day
additional during season

***TOWN PARK MOTOR HOTEL, A. E.
Prescott, Manager—875 Pennsylvania
Ave.—(East End Memphis—Arkansas
Bridge—E. H. Crump Blvd.)—U. S.
Highways 61, 63, 64, 70 and 79 (150
Rooms and Suites)**

Singles \$ 5.00 to \$ 7.00

Doubles—double
bed 7.00 to 9.00

Doubles—twin
beds 9.00 to 11.00

Doubles—
2 double beds 9.50 to 11.00

Suites 16.00 to 25.00
(Some suites sleep 5 to 6 people)

Completely air-conditioned
Phone in every room

Room service—Modern Restaurant—
Swimming pool

***INDICATES MEMBER OF MEMPHIS
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

SMALLER HOTELS AND RATES

MEMPHIS HOTEL, 83 Jefferson

Single \$ 2.50
Double 3.00

Hot and cold water in room
Bath on each floor

HOTEL MADISON, 223 Madison

Single \$ 2.50 to \$ 3.00
Double 3.00 to 5.00

Some private baths, some connecting

CLARKS HOTEL, 106 Vance Avenue

Single \$ 1.50
Double 2.00

4 to room 4.00
3 to room 3.00

Hot and cold water in rooms
Bath on floor

BLACKWELL HOTEL, 122 Washington

Single \$ 1.50
Double 2.00

Bath on floor

**PONTOTOC HOTEL, 69 Pontotoc Ave-
nue**

Single, without
bath \$ 1.00

Double, without
bath 3.00

Double, with bath 3.50

TRAVELERS HOTEL, 166 North Main

Single \$ 1.25
Double 2.00

Bath on floor

MONARCH HOTEL, 165 South Main

Single, connecting
bath \$ 1.50

Double, connecting
bath 2.00

REX HOTEL, 200 Union

Single, without
bath \$ 2.00

Single, with bath 2.50

Double, with bath 3.50 to 3.75

GRIFFIN HOTEL, 184 Linden Avenue

Single, without
bath \$ 2.00

Single, with bath 2.50

Double, without
bath 2.50

Double, with bath 3.50

ARLINGTON HOTEL, 158 North Main

Single, without
bath \$ 2.00

Single, with bath 3.00 to 3.50

Double, without
bath 2.50

Double, with bath 3.50

RESERVATION FORM

Fill in, clip, and mail to the hotel of your choice.

AS A DELEGATE TO THE CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
I WISH TO MAKE RESERVATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

Names of occupants of rooms
(Individual names)

Expected date of arrival Hour

Accommodations desired:

Rooms, single, with bath; Twin beds, with bath

Rooms, single, without bath; Twin beds, without bath

Rooms, double beds, with bath; Suite, single

Rooms, double beds, without bath; Suite, double

For which I enclose a \$5.00 deposit.

Name Street

City State

SOLD AND REDEEMED

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kill on sight. The Saviour of the world had to flee into Egypt. The One who was to redeem man from the fall was run out of His country, rejected by His own.

THE YEARS passed; the devil still was ruler of man. As our Redeemer started His earthly ministry, He went by the way of Jordan to be baptized by John. As He came out of the water, the voice of God cried out from heaven, "This is my beloved Son." Was not this the Son of Mary? Yes, but the very Son of God, also. Then He was driven by the Spirit into the wilderness, there to be tempted by the devil for forty days. These forty days of fasting and praying were part of the price of our redemption. The devil had met God's first son, Adam, and had caused him to fall. Now He came to God's only begotten Son and tried to cause Him to fail in His mission to redeem the fallen human family. Thanks be to our God, He did not fail! Jesus spent the nights in prayer; He spent the days fasting; hours He spent walking the dusty roads, sometimes being driven out of cities and being rejected by His own people.

All this, my friend, was a part of the price of our redemption. The devil defeated God's first son, Adam, in the beautiful Garden of Eden, so God's only begotten Son, Jesus, was driven to the Garden of Gethsemane. The devil put forth all that was in his power to defeat Jesus. He lulled Peter, James, John, and all the other disciples to sleep. You will remember that Jesus had asked that they pray with Him. Now with all the disciples fast asleep, the devil came with all the forces of hell. Jesus cried out, "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not my will but Thine be done." With these words our loving Saviour won the battle—He became resigned to die on the cross. All the forces of hell had failed to move Him from fulfilling His mission.

With the battle won, He told His disciples to sleep on. With His mind fixed on the cross where He was soon to be placed, He went out to meet the angry mob that was coming to take Him. Although all through the judgment halls He was beaten, spat upon, crowned with thorns, mocked, and humiliated, not one time did He shrink from the job that He had set out to do—to pay the price of our redemption. With an angry mob crying out for His blood, and for His crucifixion, bearing His cross He was led away to shed His blood on Calvary, the final payment for our redemption. With Jesus sealed in the tomb, His followers scattered, the Roman guards guarded the tomb. One would say that surely the devil had won in His battle, but wait! The stone that had the grave sealed was moving! It was rolling away from the grave! There came our Saviour! He was alive! He had conquered death, hell, and the grave. Oh, glory to God! He had won the battle. The price had been paid; our pardon had been granted. All that we had lost in the fall had been restored to us through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Truly we were once sold, but are now redeemed.

Men cannot be well educated without the Bible. It ought, therefore, to hold the chief place in every seat of learning throughout Christendom; and I do not know of a higher service that could be rendered to this republic than the bringing about this desirable result.—E. Nott.

ARE YOU FOR SALE?

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kill and took his vineyard. The man of God told him, "Where the dogs licked up the blood of Naboth, they shall also lick up thy blood." Then another that I call your attention to is Achan, who also sold out through covetousness for a Babylonian garment and a golden wedge. Thinking that no one would know anything about it, he took these items, dug a hole, and buried them in the corner of his tent, but the Bible says, "Be sure your sins will find you out." It is one thing to sell out, but it's another thing to be sold out. These men and women whom I have named sold out, but I remember some men who did not.

JOSEPH was sold by his brethren into Egypt. In Acts 7:9: "And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him." Jesus Christ was sold by Judas Iscariot for thirty pieces of silver, but Jesus never sold out. There is a vast difference in selling and being sold. God will stay with you if you are sold out, but He will leave you if you sell out. Ananias and Sapphira sold out for half price, but for thirty pieces of silver Judas Iscariot sold Jesus. I should like to ask you what you would take for your soul today? Men criticized Joseph's brethren for selling him. Judas Iscariot has been criticized for selling Jesus; however, have you ever stopped to think that literally thousands of people today are selling the Lord for even less than thirty pieces of silver? Some people will sell Him for a thin dime. They won't pay even their tithes. You might say, "Brother Statum, can you find a place in the New Testament where it says we should pay our tithes?" Matthew 23:23 says, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith; these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." You might say that that was for the scribes, Pharisees, and hypocrites; however, I say that it is for everyone. Matthew 5:20 says, "For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." You may ask the question "Just how righteous were the scribes and Pharisees?" I'll answer it by saying that they were righteous enough to pay their tithes and fast twice a week. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, says that your righteousness must exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees. In case it does not, the Bible says that we shall in no case enter the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus is a wonderful example of some who would not sell out. The devil tried to buy Him—even offered Him all the kingdoms of this world, which were not even his to give. Jesus said, "Get thee behind me, Satan." We find that Stephen could have sold out, but preferred to die the death of a martyr. He was stoned to death with his face shining like an angel, and he proclaimed to see Jesus standing on the right hand of the Father. John the Baptist was beheaded because he refused to sell out. He preferred to preach the truth. The apostle Paul refused to sell out, also, and, just prior to his execution, he wrote a letter to Timothy. We find it recorded in 2 Timothy 4:2-7.

Last but not least, may I call your attention to John the Divine, who was exiled on the Isle of Patmos, in the

Argean Sea, thirty miles off the coast of Asia Minor, because of his preaching. No doubt, they would have left him on the mainland if he had sold out or compromised. However, he did not sell out or compromise. The result of it was that John, while standing on the Isle of Patmos on the Lord's Day and gazing out into the sea, said he saw seven golden candlesticks. One in the midst of them looked like unto the Son of man. John described Him as having eyes like a flame of fire; His head was white like wool, and his feet like fine brass right out of the furnace. John fell before Him like a dead man, but Jesus came over, put His hand upon his side, and said, "Be not afraid; it is I. I am He that was once dead but am alive again forevermore. I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last." He said, "I hold in my hands the keys of hell and death, and nothing shall by any means hurt thee." John was caught away in the Spirit, received the revelation from Jesus, and has passed it on to us today. Had he sold out, we would never have had this great book of Revelation.

IT'S A WONDERFUL thought to me to know that we have numbers of men and women today who feel as many of our forefathers felt. We would rather die and go on to glory than to sell out for the mere trifles that the devil has to offer. In conclusion, I call your attention to one more scripture: Revelation 2:10, "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Should any of you who are reading this article be tried and tempted, just remember the devil wants you to help populate hell, but the Lord promises you a crown of life and a home in heaven if you will hold on to Him until death. May God richly bless each and every one of you.

There never was found, in any age of the world, either religion or law that did so highly exalt the public as the Bible.—Bacon.

WHAT I BELIEVE ABOUT DIVINE HEALING

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mitted sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." I believe this and the Church of God believes this, also.

In this last-day moving of the Spirit, when God would like to stir His people to a greater consecration and a renewing of His Spirit, it is just like the devil to deceive some people until they will even preach from the pulpit telling you that the Church of God officials do not believe in divine healing. They will tell you that meetings have been cancelled on them and on others for preaching healing. *I want to tell you that this is untrue!* No minister has had a revival cancelled on him for preaching healing in the State of Tennessee. I believe that I would be safe in saying that no minister in the Church of God has had his ministry cancelled for preaching healing anywhere at any time. Let us not be deceived.

I SHOULD LIKE to conclude by giving my personal testimony. My dad and mother in the hills of Middle Tennessee were converted to holiness in a revival

conducted by Brother T. S. Payne in 1914. Forty-six grown people received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and they became charter members in the Church of God at that place. My parents trusted the Lord fully for fourteen children. They did not resort to medicine of any sort for any of the children from there out. In my family God has healed in a miraculous way. When I was overseer of the State of Alabama, my little boy fell and broke his arm, and when he came to the house, it was turned back almost double. He was rushed to the hospital, and his arm was set. The X-rays showed that both bones were broken. It was a bad break. I was away at the time. About 2 o'clock in the morning, when the boy had not yet gone to sleep, he asked his mother if God could not heal a broken limb. Upon being told that He could, he said, "Why not pray?" Sister Johnson prayed and laid her hands upon the child's arm. He went to sleep immediately, and early the next morning he was out playing. All the swelling had left his hand; natural color had returned. I carried him back to the doctor, and he could not understand. The bandage was loosened. I gave him a personal testimony that it was God's miraculous power to heal. The child never had another pain from that moment.

In the church that I pastored in Fort Mill, South Carolina, for two years prior to my coming to Tennessee, I had prayer for the sick every Sunday morning and Sunday night, without exception. God blessed His people and many were healed. I went to the home of one member at 4 o'clock in the morning when his little girl was choking to death and had a high fever. God instantly healed the child of this affliction which had kept her out of church the most of two winters.

When I was called to the hospital by the nurses, I prayed for a woman who was supposedly dying. She had never been to a holiness church, but God saved her that night and healed her body. In about two weeks, she came to the church, and God gloriously sanctified and baptized her with the Holy Ghost. Later, I baptized her in water and received her into the church. I could tell you of a number of healings that took place during my pastorate there and even since I have been in this State. I recently prayed for a child who lived nine miles in the country. She had a burning fever and God touched her body. The next night they brought her to my convention, which was twenty-seven miles away, to show that she had been healed.

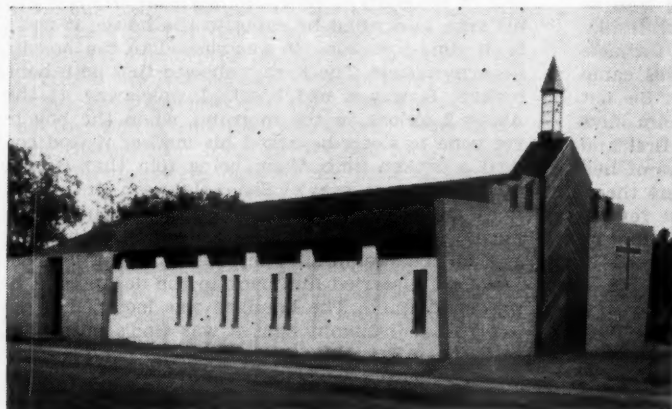
I believe in the kind of healing that will speak for itself, and I believe that you good people believe in the same thing. I also believe that every General Official and every state overseer in the Church of God believes likewise, so let us not be disturbed. The Church of God will always teach and believe in divine healing.

Mr. Spurgeon testified that when he opened his eyes at the conclusion of his public prayer, he was sometimes startled and embarrassed to realize that he was in the presence of this congregation. He had been so near to God, talking to Him as friend with friend, that he had forgotten all else. Are there many today to whom Jesus seems so near as that? Yes, there are, but many more ought to know this blessed experience.

"There are sweet surprises awaiting many a humble soul fighting great odds in the battle of a seemingly commonplace life."

Reports and Revivals ...

ROS WELL, NEW MEXICO, CHURCH OF GOD DEDICATED JUNE 6



Pictured is Roswell's new church, which was built to replace the one destroyed by fire last Christmas Eve morning. The church has been built in a new location three blocks from Roswell's new \$1,500,000 high school. The church is made of masonry and partial brick veneer with redwood trim. Upon completion, it will have thirteen Sunday School rooms, nursery, pastor's study, library, L.W.W.B. kitchen, and two rest rooms. The Sunday School plant is arranged for de-

partmentalization. The appraised value is approximately \$50,000.

We wish to thank O. E. Wright, the pastor, and all those who helped to make this project possible. Brother Wright has worked untiringly and is to be commended. Within the past year, Roswell has broken its Sunday School record four times.

On June 6, this beautiful building was dedicated to the Lord. J. D. Bright, state overseer of Texas, brought the dedicatory message. — Brady Dennis, State Overseer.

BIBLE SCHOOL, MUSIC SCHOOL, AND REVIVAL AT THE ORPHANAGE

Those who labor for God at the Church of God Orphanage at Sevierville have been really busy for the last few weeks. Since we had eighteen children to graduate from the eighth grade and two from high school, we attended graduation activities for both. Our Daily Vacation Bible School began on Monday following the closing of school. Sister G. W. Ayers, the director, said that this was the best of the three schools that she has directed here.

Brother Bennie Triplett conducted a music class (theory and sight singing) for the Senior and Junior Girls' Choruses and the Boys' Glee Club. He conducted a successful revival here, also. His preaching had a special appeal to the children at the Home, because he was reared in the Orphanage. Many of the children were saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Surely God met with us! — Bobbie Dell Henderson, Secretary.

GLAMORGAN, Va.—We have just had a six-week contest in our Y.P.E. The young people put on a drive to raise money for building Sunday School rooms. They raised a large sum. We sponsored a coupon drive, also, and 26,000 coupons were raised in

six weeks. The last night of the contest we broke all previous records with 250 in attendance. We certainly do appreciate our good pastor, I. C. Collins, his family, and the good group of young people with whom we work. — Miss Greta Carter, Secretary.

CLEVELAND, MISS., DISTRICT CONVENTION

We praise God for another successful year on the Cleveland District. This is the district's second year, and even though the churches are small and scattered, God has wonderfully helped us to master every obstacle. Under the able leadership of our dis-

trict pastor, Joe May, we have had an increase in every way. We appreciate Brother May and his effort to help each church in its program.

The convention was certainly a blessing to all who attended. The first night, Brother G. G. Williams was anointed of God to preach on the "Mystery of the Gospel," which was truly a message needed by all. A. D. Gam-mill, our guest speaker for Saturday night, spoke on "The Need of the Hour." Our hearts were made to feel the need of missions as Rev. G. C. Hamby, our state overseer, brought the mission message on Sunday morn-ing.

This year our missions offering for the district was \$936, which was an increase over last year. May God help us to keep the thought before us that we cannot work fast enough to save those who are dying by the multitudes without the love of God. Let us keep our eyes on the field and behold the ripened harvest. The sun is sinking fast, and we should realize our responsibility.—Mrs. Lillian Busby, Reporter.

REVIVALS

GEORGIA

—ATTAPULGUS, Ga.—We recently enjoyed a two-week revival with the evangelist, Sister Pearl Ingram, of Iron City, Georgia. The church was blessed with her wonderful Holy Ghost-anointed messages. The church has never experienced a revival like this in its history. We had the greatest outpouring of God's blessings that we have ever had, and it was a feast the saints of God will never forget. Sister Ingram is a wonderful child of God, who works for the benefit of those who do not know the Lord. She will prove a blessing to any church that will use her.—Hubert Moss, Pastor.

DALTON, Ga.—We have just had a successful revival with W. A. Robertson as the evangelist. The church was really blessed, and backsliders were brought to God. Forty were saved, 25 sanctified, 25 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 4 added to the church.—C. H. Chambley, Pastor.

KANSAS

AUGUSTA, Kans.—An old-time revival was just held in Augusta. Twenty-six were saved, 11 sanctified,

CAMP MEETINGS—1954

| State | Date | Place | Speaker |
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| ARKANSAS | July 12-18 | Bald Knob | H. D. Williams |
| CALIFORNIA-NEVADA | July 5-11 | Arlington, Calif. | Vep Ellis |
| DELAWARE-D. C.-MARYLAND | July 19-25 | Hurlock, Md. | Vep Ellis |
| INDIANA | July 13-17 | Indianapolis | R. P. Johnson Harry Mushegan |
| MICHIGAN Youth Camp | July 12-17 | | |
| MISSOURI | July 19-25 | Arcadia | J. Frank Spivey |
| NEW ENGLAND | July 19-25 | Appleton, Me. | J. A. Whitlow |
| Youth Camp | June 28-July 16 | | |
| NEW YORK | July 12-18 | Brooklyn | P. H. McSwain |
| CENTRAL CANADA | July 5-11 | London, Ontario | A. V. Beaubé |
| WESTERN CANADA | July 6-11 | Estevan, Sask. | |

6 filled with the Holy Ghost, 14 baptized in water, and 2 added to the church. Bertis N. Miles, of Chetopa, Kansas, was the evangelist. Some nights when God's Spirit took charge, the evangelist did not preach. The church is moving on, and we all love our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Slavens.—Reporter.

KENTUCKY

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Wednesday evening, June 9, concluded four glorious weeks of revival services with Evangelist J. E. DeVore. Actually, the presence of the Holy Spirit and the powerful preaching of Brother DeVore were so wonderful that it hardly seems possible that four weeks have passed.

Spiritual experiences included 43 saved, 10 sanctified, and 10 filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The re-

vival was also a great blessing to the church as a whole. Each Saturday evening, healing services were conducted by the pastor, J. David Pitts. The Lord manifested Himself in a great way. We are looking forward to the soon return of the DeVores to Faith Temple, formerly the East Louisville Church of God.—Ruthadel Lockard, Church Reporter.

VIRGINIA

THOMPSONS VALLEY, Va.—Evangelist Burnie Heath conducted a revival in which 12 were saved, 8 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 6 baptized in water. The power of God met with us in every service. Brother Heath will do any church good with his soul-stirring messages. Our pastor and his wife are Brother and Sister E. O. Sells. Pray for our church.—Mrs. Fred Meredith, Clerk.

A VISION GOD GAVE TO ME

By Mrs. Kenneth Cox, Marks, Miss.

On Sunday night previous to the Monday night that God gave to me the vision, our service at the church had not been an outstanding one, but God laid a burden on my heart for lost souls. All the following Monday I had a feeling of being lost to this old world. A wave of homesickness for heaven flooded my soul to such a great extent that things became quite unreal and down to earth.

That night I went to bed quite early. I do not know what time of night it was that God gave me the vision. It was much more than just a mere dream, for God gave me the vision for reasons.

The vision began like this: Some people, I suppose most of them were our local church folk, and I were gathered together. All at once I was drawn toward heaven, and I beheld the most beautiful sight I have ever seen—it was so real. I saw in what seemed to be something like a cloud, part of the marriage supper table. Jesus was standing close by putting the finishing touches to it. The most outstanding thing about it was that it was loaded. Yes, I mean loaded! There wasn't much room for anything else; just the finishing touches. Oh, when I think of it tonight, the tears in my eyes blur the words! It was so beautiful; all the colors of it just blended in perfectly. As I beheld the beautiful scene, I wept before Jesus and wanted to stay there, but Jesus said that there were a few more trials to go through and a few more people to be brought in.

The next morning I felt encouraged about the night's happening, but not until later in the morning, as I knelt by the bed in prayer, did Jesus let me know just how real, how true my vision and its meaning were for me. Oh, it is wonderful and incomparable to have Jesus talk to us and to let us know what things we can do for Him to really be a soldier of the cross, one in whom He can trust and depend upon.

I told my vision in church on the following Sunday night. The power of God descended. The Holy Ghost gave a message which was interpreted, and in the message Jesus told us the table was almost prepared. Souls went to the altar without having to be invited. O Saint, what are you going to be doing? Sinner, what are you going to be doing? With a cry ringing from my heart tonight, I say, "Let's be ready."

Recruitment of Protestant chaplains for the Armed Forces is proceeding so well that at least one branch of the service, the Navy, is thinking of raising minimum qualifications for candidates. Chaplain (Rear Admiral) Edward B. Harp, Jr., Navy Chief of Chaplains, told the semiannual meeting of the General Commission on Chaplains that the Protestant recruitment picture for all services was very good.

SPECIAL REPORT

The North Carolina Youth Camp was attended by 369 boys and 401 girls, making a total of 770 enrolled. Two hundred and fifteen were saved, 137 sanctified, 106 filled with the Holy Ghost, 120 united with the Church, and 152 baptized in water.—Archie Luke, State Youth Director, and Earl P. Paulk, State Overseer.

COURT of PRAISE

MACON, Ga.—Sometime ago, quite suddenly, I became very ill, and after much suffering, I consulted a doctor who told me that I must have an emergency operation to remove my gall bladder, and, also, other very important parts of my body. He made reservations for my room at the hospital and for the X-ray room and operating room, also. I was in such misery that I could not seem to think, but I was advised to have a consultation with other doctors, for this seemed to be a very serious operation. I consulted three specialists, and each one told me that he would not undertake to perform both operations at one time, for they were both very serious. But my doctor said that they were both so urgent he could not determine which should be done first. That night I began to just talk to the Great Physician. I did not ask Him to heal me, but I asked Him to search my life and to show me how I stood. That night I slept very good.

When I got up the next morning, I was very hungry. I had been told not to eat anything but dry toast and juices. Later I told God I knew He was

going to heal me, for I knew His promises were true. Being alone, I began to tell my Lord of His blessed promises to me. I started speaking in a tongue I had never heard before. I felt a strange feeling start at the top of my head, and when I placed my hands along my body, I realized that this strange language I had never spoken before was the Lord commanding the enemy to leave. He was commanding him to loose me and when I found myself limp and weak, I knew that I was delivered. I arose and picked up my Bible, saying aloud, "Lord, as I open your Word let my eyes fall on something about healing to prove to Satan I am healed." As I opened my Bible at random, my eyes beheld in Matthew a scripture which read, "And he went into the synagogues healing all manner of diseases." Glory to His wonderful name!

I told my doctor to cancel the operation. From that morning I started eating anything I wanted, and it has never hurt me in anyway. I feel better than I have felt in years, and there aren't enough imps in the devil's army to tell me I am not healed. Readers, remember that His Word says in Isaiah 53:5, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." If you believe that Jesus can save from hell, it is just as true that He can heal our bodies, if we serve Him and believe on Him.—Ruth Staples, Church of God Evangelist.

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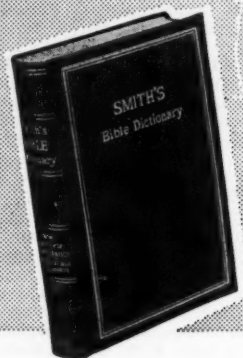
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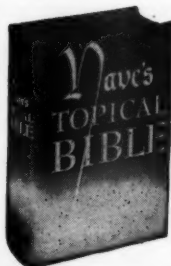
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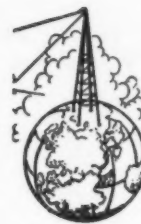
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SALVATION ARMY HAS NEW HEAD

LONDON (EP) British Commissioner Wilfred Kitching, 61, of London, was appointed general of the Salvation Army today, succeeding retiring General Albert Orsborn, who retires June 30. Kitching's appointment was announced by the high council of the Army after twelve days of secret discussion and balloting at its Sunbury-on-Thames headquarters just outside London.

ASK OPENING OF PROTESTANT SCHOOLS

BOGOTA, Colombia (EP) Protestants on San Andres and Providencia Islands have petitioned the Ministry of Education to order the reopening of five denominational schools closed March 1 by the Government inspector of schools there. The petition said the people of San Andres and Providencia "are predominantly Protestant and have been so for generations" and, therefore, the islands cannot be regarded as a Roman Catholic mission territory. Under a ruling issued in January by the Interior Ministry, Protestant missionaries are barred from performing any public missionary or education work in Catholic mission territories except for children of non-Catholic foreigners.

NAMES COMMUNISM AS GREATEST FOE TO CHRIST

CHICAGO (EP) Dr. Harry M. Shuman of New York, president of the Christian and Missionary Alliance for the past twenty-eight years, said in a farewell address that Communism is "a more implacable foe of Christianity than was the Roman Empire under the Caesars." He pointed out that the major part of Central Asia has been closed to Christian missionary enterprise by Communist control of China, Mongolia, Manchuria, and Tibet. The 75-year-old missions executive, who became the Alliance's fourth president in 1926, said that following his retirement he hopes to continue serving the denomination as minister-at-large.

The Alliance was formed in 1881 as a movement in which small churches pooled their missionary efforts, but, subsequently, became a denomination in its own right. It now reports 61,683 members in its 1,027 churches in the United States and Canada. When Dr. Shuman became president, its annual income was \$676,985 and the number of its active missionaries 498, as compared to \$3,000,000 and 720 today. Dr. H. L. Turner, of Attleboro, Mass., was

elected president of the Christian and Missionary Alliance at the 57th annual convention of the denomination's general council here.

PRIESTS, NUNS LEAD ATTACK ON CHAPEL

BOGOTA, Colombia (EP) The Evangelical Confederation charges that a Roman Catholic throng, led by two priests and two nuns, jeered and stoned worshippers in a Protestant chapel at the Pacific port of Buenaventura. An American missionary, Oscar Jacobson, of St. Paul, Minn., was hit on the forehead, several members were struck, and the chapel's neon sign was broken during a demonstration of an hour and thirty-five minutes Sunday, May 16, the Confederation said in a delayed report from one of its officials by way of Barranquilla.

Msgr. Jose Restrepo, secretary of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese, said he knew nothing of the incident. By the Confederation's account: The priests led the Catholic procession in shouts and jeers against the worshippers. One man entering the chapel and smashing a bench, passed the sticks to others. Then the throng entering the chapel, hurled sticks and stones. Jacobson, working for the Christian and Missionary Alliance, vainly pleaded with one of the priests to halt the attack.

Soldiers arrived in about an hour and tried to restore order, but the priests and their followers refused to disperse immediately. The next day Buenaventura's mayor told Jacobson to close the chapel and to take down its sign. Jacobson refused to do this without a written order, which the mayor refused to give him.

HINDUS FIGHT MISSIONARIES WITH PASSIVE RESISTANCE

BOMBAY, India (EP) Orthodox Hindus in the Poona area near here launched a passive resistance movement designed to oust foreign missionaries from India. It is known as the "Quit India" movement and its supporters plan to hold demonstrations at missionary centers. One such demonstration was scheduled for Kedgaon, a village near Poona, where there is a Protestant mission for widows and fallen women.

TWO AND A HALF MILLION TRACTS DISTRIBUTED BY YOUTH

SPRINGFIELD, Missouri (EP) In a program of personal evangelism called the One-Eight Crusade, the 86,000 young people of the Assemblies of God,

a comparatively small denomination, have set a goal of eight million tracts to be distributed in a year. Now well into the first quarter of this crusade, the member groups have distributed over two and a half million of the colorful little tracts that are headed with the casual greeting, "Hi, Neighbor." The worth of this crusade is in the fact that the effort is being shared by young people across the country and, in some instances, in foreign lands. All classes and people are being reached, as reported by local crusade leaders. One report mentions that the Governor and the Speaker of the House in Missouri have been handed tracts. Another tells of the distribution of tracts in every tavern in the town. Still another concerns the distribution of the "Hi, Neighbor" tracts in Nassau, Bahama. As the crusade continues to grow, the efforts will not be figured alone in total number of tracts distributed but in the number of decisions recorded for Christ.

CZECH REDS KILL INCURABLES

MUNICH (EP) Radio Free Europe charged Czechoslovakia's Communist Government has been killing the incurably ill and insane for more than two years. The American-sponsored radio quoted "independent and reliable sources." Hospitals and insane asylums are screened constantly and patients considered beyond hope of recovery are removed and put to death at special euthanasia stations, RFE said. "In no cases," it added, "are relatives consulted prior to application of 'mercy' killings."

NOTES FROM THE NEWS

Alcoholism is an "important illness" that hits 10 per cent more people than tuberculosis, 50 per cent more than cancer, and 225 per cent more than polio, Edward L. Morris, executive director of Portal House, Chicago, declared at a meeting of the Industrial Medical Association in Chicago.

The average pastor's salary of Southern Baptist churches last year, by size of membership, was as follows: 1 to 400 members, \$1,458; 400 to 750 members, \$3,949; 750 to 1,000, \$4,833; 1,000 to 1,500, \$5,383; 1,500 to 2,000, \$6,004; 2,000 to 3,000, \$6,978; 3,000 and above, \$8,894. Almost 11,000 pastors were paid less than \$1,000, and 16,223, less than \$2,000, while only 295 were paid more than \$7,000. A complete study of pastors' salaries is carried in the 1954 Southern Baptist Handbook, available the last of May.

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